

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 10/9/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-13 and 15-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Liam McDowell on 12/14/07.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A cell search method for use in a mobile communication system, the method comprising the steps of:

performing one or more identification steps for identifying timing and codes of oversampled input signals; [[and]]

reducing a resolution of the oversampled input signals includes before performing the one or more identification steps,

wherein the step of reducing resolution of the oversampled input signals includes sample-combining and down-sampling the oversampled input signals; and

wherein the one or more identification steps each produce an output in a form of reference timing output signals, the method further comprising the step of converting the reference timing output signals back to an un-reduced resolution when each identification step is complete.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). [[The]] A cell search method for use in a mobile communication system, the method comprising the steps of:

performing plural identification steps for identifying timing and codes of oversampled input signals; [[and]]

reducing a resolution of the oversampled input signals includes before performing the plural identification steps,

wherein the plural identification steps each produce an output in a form of reference timing output signals, the method further comprising the step of converting the reference timing output signals back to an un-reduced resolution when each identification step is complete.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to claim [[14]] 13, wherein the identification means comprises:

a slot timing identifier;

a frame timing code and group number identifier, and

a scrambling code identifier.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3, 13, and their dependents thereof, are allowed because the closest prior art, Ho et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0193922) and Nassiri-Toussi et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0193922), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render obvious a cell search method and apparatus wherein the one ore more identification steps each produce an output in a form of reference timing output signals, and (conversion means for) converting the reference timing output signals back to an (original) un-reduced resolution when each identification step is complete, as defined in the specification, in combination with all other limitations in the claim(s) as defined by applicant.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marivelisse Santiago-Cordero whose telephone number is (571) 272-7839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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